

**AGENCY ANNEX G3
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS, AND RECREATION**

I. MISSION

To practice and encourage high-quality stewardship of Vermont's environment.

II. AUTHORITY

3 VSA 2872
10 VSA 2001-2014, 2191-2215, 2461-2462, 2501-2514

III. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

State agency and department heads and their staffs develop, plan and train to internal policies and procedures to meet preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery needs as identified in this plan including annexes, appendices, tabs and other supporting documents including the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Training includes not only what may be accomplished within the agency but multi-level, interagency training and exercises to develop and maintain necessary capabilities.

The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is the branch of Vermont State government primarily involved with all conditions affecting the forests and state-owned parks. Headed by a commissioner who is appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Department has three divisions: Forestry, Parks and Lands Administration. The Directors of the Divisions report to the Director of Operations. The Forestry Division has the major emergency response assignment. However, the Division of Parks may coordinate damage assessment activities involving its facilities.

Disasters within the State of Vermont can create adverse conditions, which affect the state's forests and parks. The Department will become involved when fire threatens to destroy woodlands, or when weather-caused disasters damage forestlands or park facilities. Expertise and personnel are the primary resources provided in such emergency situations. The Department is also responsible for alerting field personnel and visitors to Vermont State Parks and lands of emergency situations. This may require evacuation of state parks in some instances; and in others, to require visitors to stay in place until the emergency passes. The Department maintains a radio system, which may become the primary means of communication for Agency of Natural Resources personnel in an emergency.

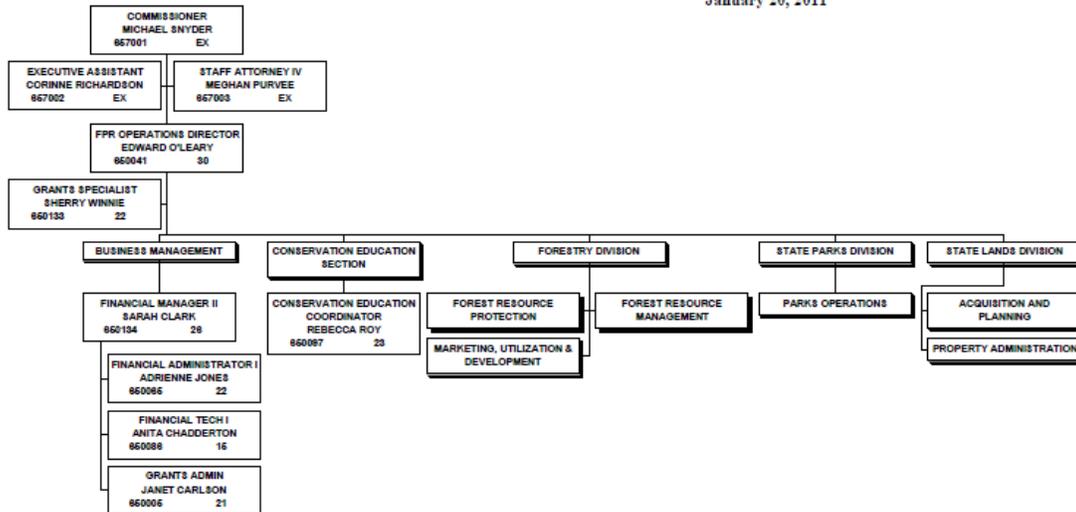
The situation and assumptions in section ii of the Base plan also apply.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following chart outlines the emergency response organization of the Department:

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RECREATION
ORGANIZATION CHART
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The Department is a lead agency for State Support Function #4 (Firefighting) and is a support agency for State Support Function #1 (Transportation), #3 (Public Works and Engineering), #5 (Emergency Management, Recovery, and Mitigation), #6 (Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services), #7 (Resource Support), #9 (Search and Rescue), #10 (Hazardous Materials), and #14 (Public Information) and assumes the responsibilities as outlined in those annexes. The Department is also a participating agency in the Recovery and Restoration Multi-Agency Coordination Group as designated in the Disaster Recovery and Restoration Annex.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

This Annex will be implemented with the assigned responsibilities by means of direct coordination from the Commissioner, Department of Public Safety or Director, VEM with the Commissioner and/or upon the order of the Governor within the framework of the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP).

VI. ADMINISTRATION

The Commissioner is responsible for the overall emergency response of the Department.

VII. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

In accordance with the provisions of title 20, “agency heads will in addition to any deputy authorized pursuant to law, designate by title three emergency interim successors and specify their order of succession. These designations shall, each year, be reviewed and revised, as necessary, to ensure their current status.”

Line of succession for the Agency is as follows: